

## I challenge your shadow to beat my shadow!



A couple days ago I lamented we didn't have shadows yet. Well that's not quite true; we just don't have them in the same places. This morning, heading up Kings through the park, we had some pretty good shadows. In fact, at one point my shadow was actually in the lead climbing one of the steep pitches! Pretty exciting while it lasted.

This morning, last ride before Christmas, we had Kevin, Kevin, JR & Marcus. Yes, it's still on the cooler side, but nothing below 33 today if I recall correctly, and it did warm up fairly nicely up on top. 41 degrees in fact. Not quite sure why we were having a "spare the air" day because the skies were crystal clear without even a hint of haze.

Thankfully nobody's trying to set any records this time of year, so I'm not completely shelled off the back on every climb. Still, I feel like I've put out just as much effort on days like this, when we finish the ride about 9:32, as I would on a fast summer day at 9:20. What's an extra 12 minutes anyway?